REMARKS

Claims 1 through 6 are currently pending in the application.

Claims 5 and 6 being newly added with this amendment.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action of June 25, 2004.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicant notes the filing of a Preliminary Amendment on May 17, 2003, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed to have been entered in the Office file, Applicant will provide a true copy to the Examiner.

Objection to Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of a writing informality at page 7, line 4. Appropriate correction has been made herein, as required by the Examiner.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,596,565

Claims 1 through 4 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 4 of U.S. Patent 6,596,565. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicant elects to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicant's filing of the terminal disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence of the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejection. Attached is the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

Applicant asserts that claims 1 through 6 are clearly allowable.

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Applicant requests the allowance of claims 1 through 6 and the case passed for issue.

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